

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, between the Title and the first paragraph, insert the following new paragraph:

**-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

This application is a National Stage entry of International Application Number PCT/IT2003/000260, filed April 28, 2003. The disclosure of the prior application is hereby incorporated herein in its entirety by reference. --

After page 14, insert the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

**ABSTRACT**

A mobile ring (1) connecting/release device (8), in particular for a high mast with a tower with predetermined height and a fixed supporting head (3) at one end of the tower. The device (8) comprises connecting means attached to the mobile ring (1) for removably connecting it to the fixed supporting head (3). In an original way, these means have rigid contact elements (9) shaped in such a way that they rest on corresponding supporting head (3) contact portions (10).